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APPARATUS FOR RAPID  
PRECISION CUTTING OF  
GRAPHICS AREAS FROM  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to the Office Action of July 17, 2002. Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1-18 have been rejected. Claims 1-13 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome 35 USC 112 rejections.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend FIGURE 1 as shown in the attached drawing sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the paragraph at page 9, lines 26-31 as follows:

~~Referring to FIGURE 1, a partially cutaway view of a cutting device 10 is shown.~~

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a Cutting device 10 has a housing 12 which may contain the controller [(not shown)] 50 and a sheet-receiving surface 16. Cutting device 10, which is shown with a sheet 40 positioned on sheet-receiving surface 16, is also known as a flatbed plotter or cutter in the art, and may be a Zund plotter, manufactured by Zund System Technik HG, or a Wild plotter, to give two examples--

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